

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:)
Filing Date:)
Applicant(s): Erminio Moretti et al.) **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**
Group Art Unit:)
Title: Joining Element)
Attorney Docket: 47623-0007)

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter and consider this Preliminary Amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.115 prior to calculation of the filing fee for the present application. The fee calculation on page two of the Transmittal Letter is based upon the claims as hereby amended.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.